

Newfields Conservation Commission

Monthly Meeting Minutes for Monday, April 16, 2007

Present: D. Mason, R. LaBranche, L. Carroll, R. Konisky, B. Bryne (emeritus member)

Meeting called to order at 7:10pm

1. Treasurer's Report – D. Mason read results and submitted attached report via email
2. Minutes – March meeting minutes distributed. D. Mason moved to accept with minor edits, R. LaBranche seconded. All in favor.
3. Town Audit – D. Mason reported that financial records turned over to town auditor.
4. Conservation Bills – D. Mason reported that A. Watts had met with Selectmen to discuss future legal and other bills associated with conservation. Given the ConCom loss of future revenue, due to the town vote for re-directing current use proceeds, it was discussed that ConCom would be only be able to pay conservation-related expenses for those projects already underway. Further, ConCom will not be in a position to take on new fiscal responsibilities. L. Carroll noted that we may well have on-going expenses related to existing easements, etc., and moved a requisition of Selectmen minutes reflecting the discussion with A. Watts. D. Mason seconded. All in favor.
5. Conservation Breach – D. Mason read correspondence regarding the Halls Mill conservation easement and noted that negotiations seem to have moved in a positive direction.
6. Cartographic Bill- We received a bill for \$3150 from CAI for digitization of tax parcel maps, as a pre-requisite for prime wetlands delineations. R. Konisky moved to pay the bill, seconded by D. Mason. All in favor.
7. B. Byrne thanked all for her appointment as emeritus member. Members agreed that we, and the town, will benefit from her continued association with ConCom.
8. Other Business – L. Carroll is planning to monitor the Anderson easement soon and asked for a schedule of monitoring visits for coordination. This will be on the agenda for next meeting. R. Konisky mentioned that he had followed up the Forestry Society grant funders and had received verbal notice that our check was coming in May.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Next Meeting: May 21, 2007